

## **LARRY HERETH**

### **Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard**



Rear Admiral Larry Hereth is currently serving as the Director of Port Security in the Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection Directorate at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. As Director of Port Security, he oversees all aspects of the Coast Guard port security mission and coordinates activities with other Coast Guard programs, other government agencies and industry to improve Maritime Homeland Security.

Rear Admiral Hereth is a 1973 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy with a bachelor of science and he also earned an MBA from Florida Institute of Technology. In his 29 years of service, he has seen a broad-based career with an emphasis on field operations. His wide-ranging assignments have taken him throughout the United States with multiple tours at east, gulf and west coast ports.

After sea duty and command of a unit in Turkey, Rear Admiral Hereth specialized in marine safety, port operations and pollution response. He previously served as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay. As CO he held three regulatory positions: Captain of the Port; Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection; and Federal On Scene Coordinator for pollution incidents. His area of responsibility covered almost 1900 miles of coastline or inland waterways in the northern half of California and extended shoreward beyond Lake Tahoe. Prior to being assigned to San Francisco, he served in Coast Guard Headquarters as program manager for all Coast Guard oil and hazardous substance pollution preparedness and response activities. Other tours included Commanding Officer, Gulf Strike Team; Alternate Captain of the Port in New York; Chief, Port Operations in New Orleans; and as Chief of the Coast Guard's National Marine Environmental Response School where he supervised all the pollution response courses and directed a national exercise program.

He has received numerous personal awards throughout his career, including the Department of Transportation Secretary's Gold Medal Award and the Meritorious Service Medal with the Operational Distinguishing Device and three gold stars.

He is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio and is married to the former Kathy Hays of Hillsboro, Oregon. Kathy works as a dental hygienist.